

Adopted at Meeting of 11/18/76

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE PARK PLAZA / SOUTH COVE
PROJECT AREAS

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of the Park Plaza Urban Renewal Plan is to create within the project area an auto-free zone; and

WHEREAS, the creation of such an auto-free zone would require the closure of Eliot and Providence Streets and provision for alternate routes for the traffic now using such streets; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to carry out the objective of the Park Plaza Plan in a manner which will assure reasonable access to the 57 Complex and a better flow of traffic through the theater district; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that such a desirable result can be achieved only by coordinating a solution to the traffic alternatives required for the Park Plaza Project with the traffic alternatives for the South Station and Lafayette Plaza Projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved: (a) that this Authority will not petition nor approve of the redeveloper of the Park Plaza Project petitioning the Public Improvement Commission for a closure of any portion of Providence and Eliot Street that would eliminate vehicular traffic between New Charles and Arlington Streets until: (i) completion of a comprehensive traffic study evaluating the impact of the traffic alternatives for the Park Plaza, Lafayette Place and South Station Projects on the theater district and adjoining downtown areas and, (ii) a public hearing on such study has been held by this Authority after written notice to such parties as this Authority shall deem appropriate which shall include the then record owners of the 57 Complex and such members of the Stuart Street Neighborhood Association as have been most recently certified to this Authority by the Clerk of said Association; (b) that within 30 days from the date hereof the Director of the Park Plaza Project shall present to the Board a definition of the scope of such study reasonably acceptable to the Transportation Department of the Authority and the traffic engineers engaged by the 57 Complex and Stuart Street Neighborhood Association; and (c) that every reasonable effort will be made in the implementation of the Park Plaza Project not to foreclose alternative traffic solutions which may be recommended as a result of such study.

MEMORANDUM

November 18, 1976

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TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE TRAFFIC
CIRCULATION IN THE PARK PLAZA/SOUTH COVE
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On October 28, 1976, the Authority voted that the staff continue to meet with several owners and tenants in the South Cove and Park Plaza Project areas to evaluate alternate traffic solutions within these areas.

Much progress has been made to date and a traffic engineering consultant has been retained by the owners to work with the Authority staff. However, in order to further assure the Authority's commitment and good faith efforts to satisfactorily resolve the future traffic pattern in the area, it is recommended that the Authority adopt the attached resolution proposed by the owners' legal representatives.

Attachment: